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1. By its resolution 867 (1993) of 23 September 1993, the Security Council authorized the establishment of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) for a period of six months, subject to the proviso that it would be extended beyond 75 days only upon a review by the Council, to be based on a report from the Secretary-General on whether or not substantive progress had been made towards the implementation of the Governors Island Agreement (see S/26063) and the political accords contained in the New York Pact (see S/26297, annex). Following receipt of my report dated 26 November 1993 (S/26802), the President of the Security Council addressed a letter to me dated 10 December 1993 (S/26864) containing the decision by the Council to continue the mandate of UNMIH for the full six-month period authorized by the aforementioned resolution. Therefore, the mandate of UNMIH will expire on 23 March 1994.

2. Further to my report of 19 January 1994 (S/1994/54), I regret to inform the Council that notwithstanding the continued efforts made on my behalf by my Special Representative for Haiti and by my staff, as well as by the Friends of the Secretary-General on the question of Haiti, there has been no change in the prevailing situation in Haiti that would have allowed the reactivation of UNMIH.

3. Efforts to reach a solution to the current political impasse in Haiti that would permit the resumption of the process initiated by the signing of the Governors Island Agreement continue unabated. My Special Representative and my staff, both at Headquarters and in Haiti, have not ceased their attempts to identify and encourage the establishment of common ground between the parties concerned. Recent political developments in Haiti have shed encouraging light on what has otherwise been a bleak scene. Members of both houses of the Haitian Parliament, representing all political tendencies in Parliament, reached an agreement on 19 February 1994 on a plan to break the present impasse and resume progress in implementing the Governors Island Agreement. This plan was endorsed in a resolution by the Chamber of Deputies on 3 March 1994. Efforts continue in the Haitian Parliament to effect a similar endorsement by the Senate. The plan as presented to me by its authors in a letter dated 19 February 1994 was transmitted to the Council on 20 February 1994 (S/1994/203). On that occasion, I informed the Council that I considered the plan to constitute a significant development. President Aristide, on the other hand, in a letter to me dated 7 March 1994, which I transmitted to the President of the Security Council on

10 March 1994, expressed his concerns that such a plan would be contradictory to the Governors Island Agreement and therefore could not be accepted by him.

4. In these circumstances, the Security Council may wish to consider authorizing the extension of the mandate of the UNMIH in its present form for a period of three months, which would allow for the possibility of reactivating the Mission with a minimum of delay, should the current political impasse be breached and implementation of the Governors Island Agreement be resumed.